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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Zhi Qiang QI

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For: SCATTERING SHEET, AND LAMINATED SHEET AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (election of species requirement) mailed December 26, 2002, Applicants elect Species 2: embodiment 2, Figure 9. The election is without traverse.

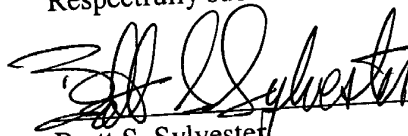
Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 14-16 read on the elected species.

The Examiner has invited Applicants to suggest any grouping of species for which the corresponding claims may be similar enough to enable examination along with the elected species. In this regard, Applicants submit that at least the claims corresponding to Species 1 and Species 2 are similar enough to be examined together; indeed, the claims that correspond to either Species 1 or Species 2 are the same claims that read on the elected species, i.e., claims 1-6, 8-11 and 14-16. This is reflected in the following chart provided for the Examiner's convenience and understanding:

Claims 1-6: A scattering sheet		
Claim 7: A laminated sheet Depending from claims 1-6.	Claims 8-11: A laminated sheet Depending from claims 1-6.	Claims 12-13: A laminated sheet with a reflective film or a transfective film Depending from 1-6.
	Claim 14: A liquid crystal display device Depending from claim 11. Corresponding Fig. 8.	Claims 17-19: A liquid crystal display device Depending from claim 13.
	Claims 15-16: A liquid crystal display device with backlighting Depending from claim 14. Claim 16 corresponding to Fig. 9.	Claims 20-21: A liquid crystal display device with backlighting Depending from claims 17 and 18. Claim 21 corresponding to Fig. 10.

It is respectfully submitted that upon consideration of the above, the Examiner may wish to consider examining all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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